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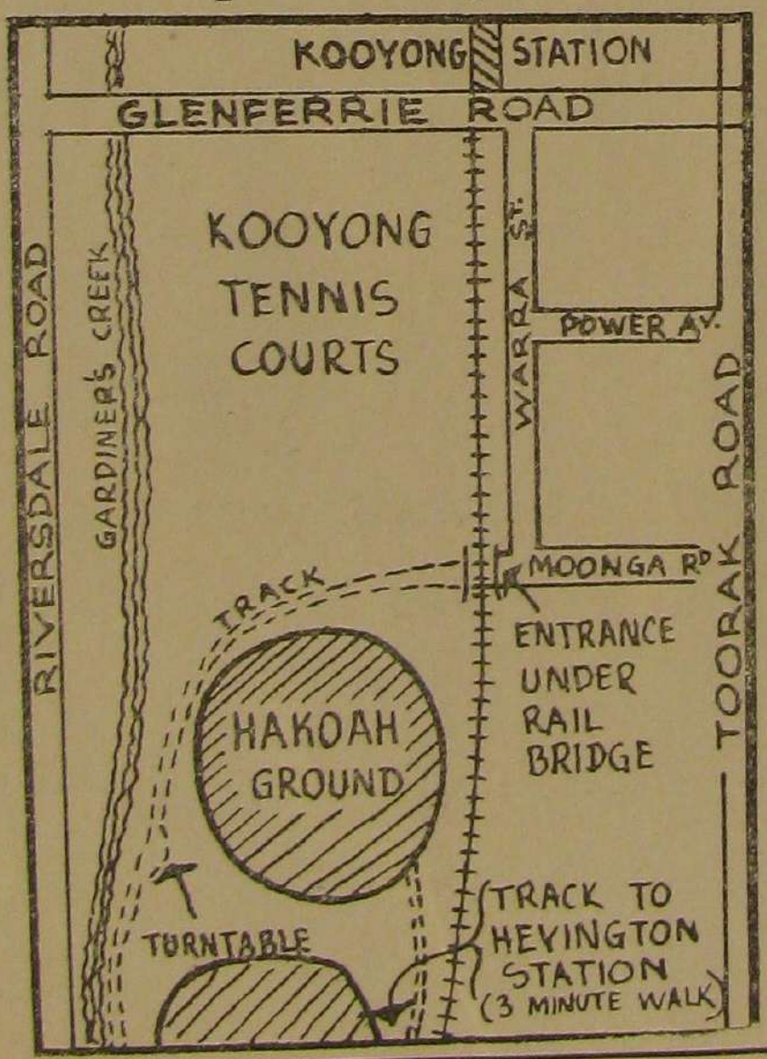

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Great News for Country Associations

Under the able direction of President Jack Skolnik and Secretary Kurt Defris, the go-ahead Hakoah club has this year obtained for itself an enclosed ground at Heyington (see Hakoah advertisement in this issue).

Now firmly established in its new headquarters, and with the "chips" coming in the gate, the Hakoah club—in a spirit of generosity unusual in these practical times—is making a proposition to all country associations through Soccer News.

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To city fans these games should have a special interest, as it will provide an opportunity to see how the game has developed in the country in the last two seasons. The games will fall on Sundays when the normal League programme will not interfere. All hands will join with Soccer News in applauding a very fine offer on the part of the Hakoah club.

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Easter's two opening rounds of Victorian soccer brought many surprises and not the least of them was the double victory of Footscray City over Prahran and Box Hill. The Footscray team looks like the best from that district for many years. Despite Footscray's successes, however, the League tables once again are headed by Juventus and J.U.S.T., who also carried off double victories over Park Rangers and Yallourn and Box Hill and Brighton respectively.

At the bottom of the table we find newly-promoted Moreland, Park Rangers, and Box Hill. None of them managed to scrape as much as one point from the two rounds.

It was hoped that by this time the League had settled down to a solid basis, but the victory of Hellenic by 17-0 over Union Jack proves that there is still a great difference in the quality of Fourth Division clubs. Polonia in its first two fixtures as a Second Division club scored two of its customary easy wins, the first one over Sandringham by 7-0 and the second over Sunshine United.

Sandringham, badly let down by some of its young players, found themselves in the embarrassing position of having to field a team two men short at Royal Park. When a club like Sandringham, that has spent so much money in raising juniors, reaches the stage when its early youngsters are now senior players only to find their club loyalty is such that they cannot even notify the secretary of their non-appearance, the club may be forgiven if they murmur, "Is it worth it?"

It is gratifying to note the success of the "New-Look" Soccer News. No drop in sales has been reported and the attitude of the regular reader seems to be that in its present form at 1/- it is better value than in its old form at sixpence. Readers may rest assured that both the quality and size are to be maintained throughout the season.

This week sees the commencement of most of the country competitions. Solid work and brilliant organising have raised these country associations from shaky little bodies a year or two ago to the status of first-class football organisations. The number of teams grows year by year, but what is even more gratifying is the fact that men can now be found who will give their time fully to association matters and let the clubs run themselves.

On a recent visit to Albury to the A.G.M. of the Border District Association with Mr. Charles Dodd, of the V.A.S.F.A., I was most pleasantly surprised to see how that body has consolidated since my last visit six months ago. In correspondence with other country associations the same feeling of strength and efficiency is encountered.

One cannot help but feel sorry for that keen little body of men at Upper Yarra Dam, who year by year keep the round ball rolling in their district. Too far from either the city or the nearest country association to be included in any League competition the U.Y.D. team keeps cracking away. Its only fixtures can be Sunday picnic games, yet still they keep on. All city clubs can well enjoy a Sunday at U.Y.D. with good football on a fine ground amid a picnic atmosphere. Mr. Davis, of 18 Banksia Street, Upper Yarra Dam, is the man to contact. So what about it?

The V.A.S.F.A. handbook, which is on sale still at most grounds in Victoria, is a fine publication this season with much information which most of us have forgotten in it. Copies were rushed last Saturday, and should your club still have copies left, do not miss out because there will be no second printing.

Bill Fleming Says—

AMATEUR, SHAMATEUR or PROFESSIONAL—WHICH?

Amateurism and professionalism are two distinct "isms." There are no half measures. You are either one or the other, and cannot be both—even if a club official tries to convince you otherwise. There are only two cases to answer—for or against.

The red light is showing, and amateur soccer will be eliminated unless the warning results in a rapid change of policy. The constitution of the V.A.S.F.A.—if you remember—states that an amateur is one who does not accept payment, remuneration, or consideration of any kind for playing soccer. This, you will agree, makes it difficult for any soccer player today to remain non-professional.

You will also agree that houses are scarce, and good jobs hard to come by, that ambitious clubs could bait an offer with temptation. Constitutions can be rescinded and redrafted, but an amateur player once he becomes professional will find it very difficult to recover his amateur status.

Who gains and who loses if soccer remains amateur or is declared professional? The association, the game, the club, or the player? We can rule out the powers that control the game, because they can be changed by majority vote. We can rule out the game because it has proved successful all over the world in either status and in both. That leaves the player and the club. The club's main disadvantage under the present set-up is how to hold its players, and, more important, its stars. In the reshuffle each season, the best players go to the clubs with the largest following, and the weaker club is deprived of what little vitality it has, and has no chance of improving its position.

Under professionalism that wouldn't happen because once a player has been signed he remains in his club until granted a transfer. This costs money, not chicken feed, and filching of good players would be replaced by a legitimate transfer by which the club would profit.

The player can be either professional or amateur. That depends entirely on himself, but if he belongs to an amateur association then it is up to him to be amateur and not one of the "shamateurs," who are jeopardising the amateur status of the association.

"Shamateurism" is deceitful, unethical, unfair to the game, and a threat to the player. He must remember he is a member of an amateur association, and the hand-behind-the-back attitude is not in keeping with the code. There is no disgrace in being a professional footballer. Neither is there a stigma on a professional actor, musician, boxer, or cricketer, but the amateur who hides under the cloak of a non-paid player, and yet accepts whatever gifts come his way, is adopting a very foolish attitude.

Victoria at this moment is fighting tooth and nail for enclosed grounds. The association to date has one—and only one—Olympic Park. If the association loses its amateur status it will also lose Olympic Park. That is a certainty, and one, the "Shamateur" should remember.

The 1956 Olympic Games now seem assured for Melbourne and,

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Europe Calling

By CHARLES WALKER

Last week I mentioned very little about teams behind the "Soccer Curtain." I think, in spite of the fact that their contact with the West is still very negligible, their standing in sport is so high that every soccer fan would appreciate some information about them. First of all, Hungary was always one of the biggest soccer powers on the continent, but improved still more after the last war, culminating in the winning of a gold medal for soccer at the Olympic Games in Helsinki. After a poor start against the rough Rumanians (2-1), Hungary defeated Italy (3-0), Turkey (7-1), Sweden (6-0), to win the final against Jugolavia (2-0). They had in Kocsis, Palotas and Puskes the best inside-forward line in the world. Last year, their National team won ten international games in a row, scoring 45 goals and losing only 6.

Jugoslavia is the only "Red" country which has contact with the West. They participated in the Olympic Games, playing against India (10-1), Russia (5-5) and (3-1), Denmark (5-3), and losing the final to Hungary (2-0). Their outstanding players are Mitic (inside-right), Bobek (inside-left), and Cajkowski (stopper, centre-half). One can follow their play in all the countries of Europe and South America. Apparently there is no restriction on travel abroad for them.

Russia, not being a member of F.I.F.A., gave us very little information about their soccer through the usual channels (Press, radio, etc.), before the last war, except that it is a mass sport supported by their Government and counting hundreds of thousands of active players. We also know about the famous Dynamo Stadium in Moscow, holding 120,000 spectators, but that was all. The Russians came into the spotlight when they astonished the soccer world with the marvellous performance of their crack team, Dynamo (Moscow), during their tour of England after the last war. They played very good, forceful soccer, and gained many victories against the best English professional teams. Everybody thought that it was the beginning of a new phase in East-West soccer relations, but it was very disappointing when they disappeared again behind the sport horizon, to emerge again at the Olympic Games in 1952 as a national team after 31 years. Many had expected football miracles from the Russians, but their form in their first appearance was too bad to be true. The shock came when they defeated Bulgaria (a soccer embryo), only 2-1, after extra time. In the next round, they drew first with Jugoslavia, 5-5. Jugoslavia had a 3-0 lead at half-time, increased that to 4-0 and 5-1, but with an enormous effort in the last 15 minutes the Russians were able to score four goals (three from corners). Second game they lost 3-1. It was perhaps bad luck, which, in the beginning of the tournament, matched them against one of the best competitors. Apart from the Olympic Games, they played and lost 1-0 in Moscow against a Polish eleven, drew 1-1 with Hungary, but beat them

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TARTAN TOPICS

By ALEX. BARR

Harking back to Berwick Rangers, more information has come to hand. Berwick Rangers for many years has been a struggling little club, but now under the leadership of Councillor John Thompson they are well on the way to promotion. When Bobby Ancell, ex-St. Mirren full-back and international, arrived as player-manager things began to happen. A stand with seating capacity for 7000 was bought from Bradford City, transported to Tweedside, and is now a showpiece.

When completed, the stadium, "which it will be entitled to be called," will accommodate 35,000. Already £7000 has been spent laying a running track around the playing area of 115 ft. by 75 ft. Berwick supporters alone contributed £1300 and the club is sufficiently financial to have turned down offers of £15,000 for one or two players. Soon, with the organisation they have, Berwick will be a top English team playing in top Scottish football.

Supporters clubs in Scotland are gaining members and momentum. At present there are well over 60,000 members of supporters clubs. These clubs are distinct from club members as we know them here. The organisation of fleets of buses, special trains, even chartering aircraft, is in the hands of the elected committee. Glasgow Rangers' supporters club has 10,000 members, and Celtic comes next with 8000. Old folks often receive outings and gifts from these clubs.

Jack Mowatt is rated "King of Whistlers" now, and his main attribute is quiet dignity. The Scottish League a fortnight ago defeated English League 1-0 in a mid-week International. Followers of British soccer will realize the significance of this. Briefly, a Scottish team comprised of players playing in Scotland (no Anglos) defeated the cream of England. Scotland appear to be on the way back to the front. Previous figures read well for Scotland, and with due respect to Rex Benson. Since 1872 till 1952, 70 official games were played, Scotland winning 31, England 22, 17 being drawn; versus Wales, 61 played, Scotland won 36, Wales 13, drawn 12; against Ireland, 57 played, Scotland 45, Ireland 7, drawn 5.

On April 18 Scotland meet England at Wembley. They'll be "Tartan Bunnits" in Piccadilly that day. On April 25 the Scottish Cup Final will be decided at Hampden Park. Rangers qualified by beating Hearts 2-1. The other senior, Aberdeen v. Third Lanark, was drawn 1-1.

Scottish referees are clamping down very firmly on offenders against the rules. It is unfortunate, however, that over-zealous whistlers have, in the heat of the moment, reported players whose conduct is known to be beyond reproach. This is borne out by the fact that referees who put too many people "on the mat" are finding themselves severely reprimanded and, furthermore, regraded to a lower division. (It might be a good thing if we had in Victoria some similar system for controlling referees.)

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Mr. H. V. Rose Resigns

After two and a half years' handling the funds of Soccer News, and pushing the sales of the paper, Mr. H. V. Rose has passed in his resignation. Joining the paper at the start of the 1951 season, Vic Rose took the job of treasurer vacated by the late Mr. W. W. Tunn, of Prahran.

During his term of office the sales of Soccer News has grown by 300 per cent., while the bad debts are practically unknown. Never a well man, Mr. Rose suffers from the results of trouble due to service in World Wars I and II.

Mr. H. V. ROSE

Vic has always been a keen soccer man and as a supporter of Prahran can usually be seen on the touch line. Now that for personal reasons he has left Soccer News, he does not intend to miss a copy and has placed a firm order for Soccer News to be delivered to his home. In Vic Rose Soccer News has lost one of its tireless workers.

Replacing Mr. Rose comes Mr. Charles Dodd. A qualified accountant, Mr. Dodd has been a member of the V.A.S.F.A. council for the last twelve months. His keenness for the game has shown itself in his staunch support for the propaganda side of soccer, while the scheme to promote the round ball in the Victorian schools owes much to his support. Country football also is another of Charlie's pet ideas, and in pursuit of it he has already visited Albury to see the Border District Association. All in all, we can safely say that the finances of Soccer News are once again in safe hands.

Europe Calling—continued

later 2-1. The fact that the Russians do not maintain a closer contact with the West is, in my opinion, a big loss to the soccer world.

Czechoslovakia is now a poor relation in those giants and does not count as a menace, either in the East or the West.

Rumania, Poland, and Bulgaria are playing soccer of as low a standard now as they did formerly despite Poland's great showing in the World Championship in Paris in 1936.

BRIEF NEWS FROM THE CONTINENT

Mitic (Jugoslavia) was thirty years old last September and is thinking of retiring from active sport. He wants to be a journalist (like Alex Barr), and is writing a weekly column for the "Jugoslovenski Sport." Walter Nausch (Austria), former Wonderteam member who is at present State coach, refused a very good offer from Italian club Fiorentina to be technical director in Florence.

A new craze in soccer! Indoor games are played regularly in Sweden, Norway and Denmark. (Would our City Fathers call it fenced-in parkland and refuse such nonsence, too?)

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By REX BENSON

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A PROUD RECORD

In keeping with their playing honors, Arsenal have not had a man sent off the field since 1926, and that was their goalkeeper. He was their only player sent off since the Great War, and that was against Sunderland, who are at the other end of the list, 13 of their men having received marching orders in the same period.

SPOT-KICK NERVES

Did you know that if you fire wide through nerves from that last-minute penalty that would have been the equaliser, you can hand over to another player of your own team if the kick has to be re-taken?

IT REALLY HAPPENED ONCE

Sounds hard to believe that a player played for both sides in the same League fixture, yet on Boxing Day, 1932, Oakes played for Port Vale in an away game at Charlton. The game was abandoned and when replayed at the end of the season, Oakes had been transferred to Charlton and played against his old club.

THE FLOWING BOWL

Was the silversmith who made the present F.A. Cup in Bradford in 1911 a bit of a "wag"? It could hold exactly 11 pints of beer, and by a lucky coincidence was first won by Bradford City.

BEATEN BY OLD SOL

A temperature of 90 degrees in England may not sound high to us in Melbourne, yet in the first match of the season in 1906, Manchester City finished an away match at Woolwich Arsenal with only six players, the other five having been overcome by the heat.

OVER THE TOP

Several forwards I have seen would be a riot in Gaelic football, played in Eire. Three points for under the crossbar, and one for over the top. So there is another game when you score for missing.

GORAU CHWARAE CYD-CHWARAE

Can Dave Stoddart pronounce the above tongue-twister? Welsh International shirts have this motto sewn on their badges, and it means "Team play is the best play."

MELBOURNE ONCE HAD A "GEORDIE" TEAM

Can old soccer followers remember a team in the 20's called "N. and D"? Former full-back Bill Wright tells me that those were the initials of Northumberland and Durham, and that there has since been no goalkeeper who was the better of "Robbie," who kept for them in their heyday.

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THE ENGLISH SCENE

By TED PRIDGEON

What's wrong with Chelsea? What an enigma is that team! Season after season they turn on mediocre performances with but a minimum of thrills for their regular supporters. And this despite the fact that they have had some of the all-time great players like Alex Jackson, Hughie Gallacher and Tommy Lawton on their books. To guide them they've tried Leslie Knighton, Billy Birrell and now Ted Drake. And look where they are—on the blink.n' bottom! It's not beyond possibility that they will go down this season and if this happens I honestly believe that inside five more years they will be playing 'way down in the Third Southern League! What a frightening thought—but there it is. The writing is written very boldly on the wall.

Not every one of Preston North End ex-fans, who have migrated "down under," know that that pillar of the game, Bobbie Beattie, has disappeared from the soccer sphere. Time has at last caught up on Bobby, and now, after nearly 20 years as a top-flight inside-forward, he has hung up his playing boots. It is some consolation to know, however, that in his new capacity of coach to Preston's Reserves his talents are not wholly lost to the game.

Had an argument last week with an Aussie cobber o' mine. The poor fellow thinks that, as all our cricketers are "cream-puffs" anyway, it is a safe bet on Australia retaining their grip on the Ashes. After a tactful bit of sallying by yours truly he conceded that our soccer game was a real man's sport and not one graced by "cream-puff" cricketers. Gently, then, I introduced the names of Brian Close (Bradford City) and Fred Trueman (ex-Lincoln City). Then I followed up with Willie Watson (Yorkshire) playing for Sunderland; Arthur Milton (Gloucestershire), now with Arsenal; bowler Trevor Bailey (Walthamstowe Avenue—the famous amateur XI); and P. H. B. May, the England batsman who enjoys his soccer with the Old Carthusians. As a coup de grace I, on your behalf, recounted present and past soccer-cricket players in C. B. Fry, Patsy Hendren, Wally Hardinge, Andy Ducat, Harry Makepeace, Laurie Fishlock, Johnny Arnold, Bill Edrich, Willie Watson, Arthur Milton and Leslie and Denis Compton. Somehow I don't think my cobber believed me, but his odds on Australia retaining the Ashes shortened considerably!

Fred Truman, by the way (you all know of Fred—England's fast bowler), has decided to give up soccer. For a while he graced the Lincoln City club as amateur centre-forward.

IN BRIEF

Plymouth, Argyle and Carlisle are installing floodlighting.

Tony Hapgood, son of the world-famous Eddie Hapgood (formerly of Arsenal and England), is an inside- or outside-right at present on Burnley's books.

Aston Villa have secured a good 'un in Ken Roberts, a versatile outside-right. A year ago Ken was playing in junior soccer in Crewe area.

Arthur Milton (mentioned elsewhere in this article) is considered, in the circles that matter, to be one of the most dangerous right-wing raiders in the game.

Tommy Lawton, now leading Brentford, has lost none of his skill and mastery, but is finding most of it wasted by his colleagues. No complaints from Tommy, however.

Wally Barnes, injured in 1952 Cup Final, is still out of the game, but speaks most highly of all his club, Arsenal, has done in the way of providing expert medical attention and advice. He makes no secret, either, of the fact that the club has retained him on top wages. There's only one Arsenal, after all! More next week!

Little Giants of Football

By WALTER PILKINGTON,

Sports Editor of the "Lancashire Evening Post" and contributor to leading sports publications in Britain.

English sport is traditionally noted for its admiration of the qualities of a beaten foe. Many a loser, teams and individuals alike, has been cheered for earning glory in defeat. When obscure Yeovil and Colchester a few years ago smote famous clubs in the Football Association Cup competition their feats were given national prominence. They crashed, of course, when little Yeovil had to visit the Cup holders, Manchester United, who scored eight goals and could as easily have scored 16. Yet every effort made by plucky Yeovil in that fifth round tie of 1949 was cheered by Manchester's thousands of football enthusiasts.

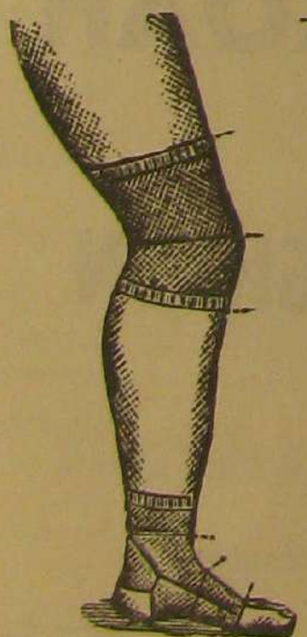
It was the same when Colchester, then a non-League team, who had tried to build up stamina with liberal helpings of the oysters for which this Essex town of Roman origin is famous, visited Blackpool, twice cup finalists since the war. They lost 0-5 and Mr Joe Smith, Blackpool's manager, who gained a cup-winner's medal three times with Bolton Wanderers when he was feared as a sharp-shooting inside-left, told his boys to stop at five.

Cheers Were For Losers.

Years ago Tottenham Hotspur had a home tie with an unknown team called Worksop. The Spurs, who scored nine goals, repeated this goal revel in a third round replay this season with the modest Cheshire Third Division team Tranmere Rovers. And once at Highbury, Arsenal's palatial home, the awed guests were Darwen, a minor team of mill workers from the industrial heart of Lancashire. Arsenal, then at the height of its power, reached double figures, but the biggest cheer came when little Darwen snatched a consolation goal.

When Walsall, never a strong team even in the Third Division, defeated proud Arsenal 20 years ago in the biggest Cup sensation of all time, and when humble Watford knocked out renowned Preston North End on their own ground, the newspapers could not make enough fuss of the little giants.

But the draw, soulless in the setting of impossible tasks, ignores the public's desire to see the scales weighted a little on behalf of the weaker team. Thus, in 1953, the luck of the draw at the Football Association headquarters went heavily against the one surviving amateur club, Walthamstow Avenue, of London. They did wonderfully well to reach the fourth round, but the draw decreed a visit to the League champions, Manchester United, and, short of a miracle, their inevitable exit. (Continued on page 10)



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Little Giants of Football—(continued)

The Avenue's consolation will be an equal share of the takings from a 50,000 gate. They will not worry about the outcome. Their real reward and satisfaction is to give amateur football in the London area a great stimulus and achieve something worthy of pride.

Football, then, is not all money as some of its detractors would have people believe, and its players are not chattels. On the contrary, football has a heart. The managers of many big clubs could tell many a story of how old players who have fallen on ill times have been helped without the public being the wiser. When the Scottish international forward of pre-war days, Frank O'Donnell, who played for Glasgow Celtic, Preston North End, Blackpool, Aston Villa and other clubs, died recently in the prime of life, leaving his wife and family not too well provided for, help was forthcoming from clubs he had served on the field of play.

Holiday in Australia.

Consider the case of James Marston, the Australian, who got his chance with Preston North End two years ago as a centre-half, and is today one of the most formidable opponents any centre-forward could meet, as Stan Mortensen and Trevor Ford would vouch. He longed to be back home, if only for a summer holiday, and the pull became stronger when Mrs. Marston had a baby. The Marstons frankly admitted they could not afford to pay for the journey home and back. The club were denied the right to do this. So Marston reluctantly decided to finish with English football at the end of the present season and return to Sydney for good. It seemed a closed chapter.

But Marston reckoned without his Preston admirers. Entirely independent of the club, and headed by the Mayor, a committee of enthusiasts sought sanction to raise £1000 by public subscription to meet the cost of the Marstons' two-way trip. All difficulties have been overcome and Marston will be back in top-class English football next season. It is a fitting reply to those who wrongly believe there is no sentiment in modern sport.

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VIEWS ON ENGLISH SOCCER TODAY

By R. TELFER, Chairman S.A. Soccer Football Association Inc.

In view of England's defeat by the United States in the World Cup recently and a few other setbacks suffered on the Continent, a number of English critics expressed the view that British soccer was on the downgrade.

As a visitor to Britain after 25 years' absence from that country, and having vivid memories of some of the games seen at that time, I cannot agree with that opinion.

There has undoubtedly been a great improvement in the standard of play in Europe and other continents, in many cases due to efficient coaching by former English and Scottish professionals, but after witnessing England's great victory over Wales at Wembley on November 12, I feel that any team that could beat this English XI would be the greatest team on earth.

Many of you have pleasant recollections of the great exhibition given by the English team that visited Adelaide in 1951, so when I tell you that that team was only a second-rate team to the one that defeated Wales at Wembley last November, you will have some idea of the great display given by this English team.

English F.A. officials told me after the game that it was the best English side they had seen for years, and the same side trounced Belgium a fortnight later, but my next sample of English soccer further convinced me that the game in the "Old Country" had not deteriorated.

The week following Wembley International, I was guest of the Liverpool club for their First Division game against Arsenal. This game was full of clever football, with Liverpool having equally as much of the play as Arsenal, yet the "Gunners" ran out winners by 5-1 by virtue of their deadliness in front of goal.

Scottish First Division and Second Division games that I witnessed did not impress me to the same extent as those in England, and I feel that the standard of play in Scotland is not, at the present time, quite up to the standard in England.

The question that may be in your mind while reading this article may be: How does Australian soccer compare with that in Britain?

I must be quite frank in answering this question, and I say that we have a long way to go before we could contemplate a successful tour of Britain by an Australian team.

When expressing this opinion, I have in mind the standard of play in English and Scottish First Division games, but there is a vast difference in the standard of play between First and Second Division teams in Scotland, although the difference is not quite so great in England, and I would say that an Australian International team could give a good account of itself against Scottish Second Division and English Third Division teams, and may even extend a few of the English Second Division and Scottish First Division teams.

I feel that our standard of play has greatly improved, but we still require efficient coaching.

[FOOTNOTE: Mr. Telfer, the writer of this article, recently returned to Adelaide after a tour of England and Scotland.]—From Soccer Mirror (South Australia.)

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Referees' Query Corner

"Supporter" writes: When are our referees going to become uniform in their decisions?

Answer: The Victorian Soccer Referee Association are this year definitely aiming at uniformity of their referees' decisions. But a lot depends upon how the referee sees an incident. Even in this, "Supporter" can rest assured that the V.S.R.A. are going to do their utmost to have uniformity in all directions.

"Keen Follower" writes that in a match last year he saw a penalty kick taker kick the ball back to a player of his own side and the referee allowed it.

Answer: Referee was wrong. An indirect free kick should be awarded to defending side.

"Frankston Supporter" asks: "A player takes a penalty kick and does not score. The referee orders the kick to be retaken owing to an infringement. May another player take the kick?"

Answer: Yes.

"Interested," Dandenong, asks: "If the ball is outside the penalty area, and a foul is committed inside the area against an attacker, should a penalty kick be awarded?"

Answer: Providing the ball is in play at the time any of the nine penalty offences committed within the penalty area by a defender intentionally results in a penalty spot kick.

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South Australia Expects Record Season

By D. J. BRAUNOVIC, Editor Soccer Mirror (South Australia)

With the start of the 1953 winter competition in South Australia only two weeks away, there is no doubt now that the forthcoming season will be one of the best this State has ever had.

The summer competition under electric lights at Norwood Oval has had a successful wind-up with the Victorian visit for the interstate match of March 23.

The teams competing in the summer competition have undergone a good preparation for the winter season, such as they have never had in the past.

When we stated in our first issue of Soccer Mirror that 1953 would be a "boom year" for soccer in South Australia, we correctly predicted the upsurge of the game which is taking place.

The biggest attraction for South Australian soccer enthusiasts in the forthcoming season will be the appearance of a completely-English team—Portsmouth-Plympton, previously known as Woodside. They include in their lines many outstanding players, and looking at their powerful defence, where Mather was forced to leave the centre-half position to take over as full-back, we can imagine how strong opposing forwards will have to be to break through them.

Another strong side is likely to be Juventus, which have regained the services of a number of its players who transferred to other teams during the summer cup competition, in which the Italian team did not participate. Busidoni, the State captain, seems certain to return to Juventus from Bohemians. Budicin (Budapest, centre-forward), and Benci, Bettalli, Pattrici and Stupar (all from Vytis), also Pozza (Bohemians), will join Juventus again.

A rumor is circulating that Ritossa (Beograd) may also transfer to Juventus, while Beograd will try to obtain V. Klasic from Bohemians to fill the gap left by Ritossa as goalkeeper.

All other teams have filled their lines with the best players available, and the early practice gained through the night games ensures the competition for the season's honors will be the keenest and toughest for many years.

At this early stage, without knowing the final line-ups for all the teams, and therefore being unable to estimate accurately their relative strength, it appears to Soccer Mirror that the teams to be the most prominent in the fight for top places in the First and Second Divisions will be those who

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finished high in the summer competition, plus one or two of the teams who did not compete in the night games.

The teams who will be foremost in the winter series seem likely to include Budapest, Birkalla, Portsmouth-Plympton, Bohemians, and Juventus (First Division), and Polonia, Vytis, Kingswood and Cumberland (Second Division).

Surprises are always possible in the round ball game, but this forecast is based on the present form of teams which have been seen in action and the known ability of clubs which did not play in the night matches.

More than 90 teams will play in nine divisions here this season, and this is an indication of the tremendous growth of the game here.

The interstate match against Victoria, although won by South Australia, showed that our players have much to learn from their eastern neighbors in finesse and tactics, but the interest being displayed here in the forthcoming winter season will undoubtedly result in a considerable improvement in the standard of soccer in South Australia.

The forecast that Soccer Mirror made when this magazine came into being promises to bear fruit with a vengeance in the season just around the corner.

HOME AND AWAY (continued)

ANY IMPROVEMENT ON THIS?

During practice at Blackburn last December, Verdi Godwin was observed to head the ball 134 times in succession.

STUDENTS KIDNAP PLAYER

"Farrago," the Melbourne University paper, reports that students of Bristol University kidnapped a star soccer player during one of their "rags" and held him to ransom before an important game. Local players need not fear for their safety.

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The rules state that the ball must weigh not more than 16 oz. and not less than 14 oz. *at the start of the game.* Therefore the referee need not call for another one unless he thinks that an increase in weight during the game has made it dangerous. He has no option if it loses its shape as *the ball must be spherical.*

BAD LUCK DOGS PLAYER

Nearly two years ago I wrote in these columns of the bad luck befalling Brown, the Blackpool forward, who missed the Cup-Final and a Scottish cap through a last-minute injury. Now it is learnt that in scoring the winning goal against Arsenal to put Blackpool into the semi-final, he broke his leg.

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

The official date for the opening of the season has come to hand. I can inform my readers that the kick-off will be on April 18. Already tension is reaching fever pitch.

Metro have commenced practice matches and had their second spin at Claremont ground on Saturday, when the regular eleven opposed the "B" grade side. Several promising youngsters are showing their paces and are earmarked for early promotion. Yes! one has to admire the tenacity of the officials. Like the North-West Mounties, they always get their man.

The Caledonians have decided to run a second string and had 22 players on view at Bell Street on Saturday, when the regular defence and five newcomers were opposed to regular forwards and new defence. An Italian boy was the outstanding player among the newcomers. He certainly has all the qualifications and versatility—a decided capture—and I understand he played for a leading Italian professional club of the "Old Brigade." Rattray and Alexander were outstanding. The former is, in my estimation, one of the finest half-backs in Australia; the latter has all the attributes of a great player, two-footed, a shot like a mule—indeed, a positive menace to opposing defences.

Boyer (A.N.M.), as I stated in my last article, will certainly be a vast improvement on last year, and have commenced three nights' training each week. (If I may say so, Bill—don't let the boys over-do it!) Twenty-two players have signed on, newcomers being Harrison (Box Hill), Whyte (late Caledonians), Forbes (Sandy Bay), and last, but not least, that dominating personality, Fred Reid. Fred has seen service with junior clubs and for a period played with Aberdeen Reserves. I consider him one of the smartest goalkeepers "Down Under"—a studied player, with the hall-mark of perfection in his every move. I warn all clubs to be on their toes against A.N.M.

Sandy Bay have not only confounded the writer, but two clubs also claim the signing up of J. Lynch, of the Wanderers. Other sources report that he has signed for Zinc Works S.C. Recollect my words of last week? Johnnie delights in keeping all and sundry guessing. Another grand capture by Harry Cooper is a German boy from Bronte Park. Then this one! Look out for that dapper player, Keith McKriel (Wanderers), left-back, joining up with the black and white when fully recovered from a recent ankle injury. Great stuff. The Bay are certainly going to liven up proceedings in the league this year, and as far as I can see, Metro and Caledonians are not going to be the only pebbles on the beach! A levelling-up of the teams will add greater competition to the game. Harry Cooper informs me that Peter Stone will not be available for the first part of the season, as business takes the Bay's popular goalkeeper to Bronte Park.

South Hobart.—Meeting the congenial secretary, Mr. George Cracknell,

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LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Seven teams comprise the L.V.S.A. League, which opens its season today. It is anticipated that an eighth team will enter later. A welcome addition to the association's ranks this year is the new Moe club, whose secretary, by the way, is Mr. W. G. Smith, 8 Mitchell Street, Moe. In addition to those of the League's the following competitions will be played: —Advertiser Shield, Battle of Britain Cup, and Walter Ingram Cup.

Negotiations are in progress for a Melbourne side to visit the Latrobe Valley on Coronation Day and it is hoped that it may be Scotland, last year's World Cup winners. If the negotiations are successful, the game will be played at Yallourn and should be the game of the year for Latrobe Valley.

TASMANIAN TALKS—*(continued)*

was a pleasure, and from our first handshake I realised Soccer News had a sound backer. His boys are all set for the opening game, and judging from the list of signings, I should say they appear to be a very strong combine. Prominent in the first eleven is the stalwart centre-half (coach and captain), Norman Gardner. Then young Des Kenna at outside-left is one of the finest in this position in Southern Tasmania. Over on the opposite wing is Rex Rush, a new promotion from the "B" Grade XI. Once this lad settles down I wager the sparks will fly. Yes, Sir, a good boy with a great future. Add to this that grand and popular player, inside-left Alec Mackie (late of Moonah), and you have the foundation of a grand forward line. I'll bet opposing goalkeepers will be kept busy. Don't tell me the officials of this club are not enterprising. Already, they possess a "B" and two "C" grade teams (the latter Under 17 years of age). May all good luck attend their efforts for the new season.

On Easter Monday the Caledonian Soccer Club are running a five-a-side at South Hobart ground, the proceeds to be donated to the Blind Soldiers' Appeal. At time of writing 14 teams have entered, some clubs entering two teams. The officials of the club are to be commended for sponsoring this game, and I hope one and all will give freely to such a noble cause.

Two new clubs are in the running for admission to the First Division, i.e., Lime Works and Bronte Park. The official decision will not be known until the next meeting of the association.

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The first game of the season at Olympic Park—Hakoah v. Brighton—was fast and interesting. Hakoah, for some obscure reasons, could not score many goals when given opportunity again and again. The only reason I could think of is that they were a shade over anxious and slightly nervous.

The grounds were conspicuous for the absence of the fair sex. Did the cold, biting wind keep you ladies away? If so, let me quote a famous beautician who claims that a couple of hours in fresh, invigorating wind will do wonders for your skin, blood circulation, and you return home with a glow in your cheeks and a sparkle in your eyes that will match your best crystal any day. Try it some time!

But although there were few feminine spectators, there was at least one lass who was very keen on seeing the game. She was found by Alex Kerr sitting inside the locked Press box long before the game started! When asked by our worthy treasurer, who was plainly puzzled as to how she got in, she calmly explained that her "Houdini" act was simply to climb from the outside, and that is no mean trick for a mere female!

The most attractive lass, I thought, was Miss Pamela Miller, who follows all the games at Olympic Park and not any particular team. Her lime sports coat matched perfectly her Titian beauty. With her coat she wore a knotted striped silk scarf, a leather strap bag and umbrella. Another striking figure was Mrs. Lise Salcman, who wore a bunchy coat costume in black with relief of white and a long black umbrella. She is strictly Hakoah supporter.

Vivacious Lotte Gilbert tells me she is trying hard to organise a ladies' committee for Hakoah club. She has a few good ideas up her sleeve, such as getting the Old Dutch to run socials and dances on Sunday nights. We will hear from them later.

Talking about Hakoah, what beautiful grounds they have in St. Kevin's! I went there last Sunday and in the brilliant sunshine it was truly a magnificent setting!

It was a friendly match. Even the Police mounted on horseback lost their vigilant look and one of them even gave rides to the numerous children that swarmed about him—just like in American movies!

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Reply Awaited on S.A. Move for Big Carnival

The South Australia Soccer Football Association proposes to hold an all-States soccer carnival in Adelaide this season if there are no international tours of Australia.

The Association has informed the Australian Soccer controlling body that it is willing to stage the proposed carnival in Adelaide from October 5 to 12. It has also set out the conditions under which the Association would stage the carnival.

The Association has drawn up a suggested programme of matches on the basis of Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria sending teams. It is felt that Western Australia, which has previously been prevented from participating in interstate carnivals because it is so far from the eastern States, is now prepared to play in a carnival in any State.

The expense of bringing teams to Adelaide from Queensland and Western Australia would be almost equal.

The Association's suggestion was made to the Australian controlling body because no finality has been reached in negotiations for visits from England, Sweden, Austria, the United States and Brazil.

A reply from the controlling body is being awaited.—Soccer Mirror (S.A.)

"The Feminine Angle"—continued

Some sweet young things were sitting on the lawns in strapless frocks (and the rest of us were envying them!) But one of the most attractive women there was Mrs. Brennan in a white patterned skirt and black top.

V.A.S.F.A. Treasurer, Alex Kerr, tells me his wife Cecile is away on Easter holidays at Sandringham, but will have to return before next week-end as her young son Grant does not intend to miss a match if he can help it. That is how the game gets them, in their cradles!

Well, Soccer Widows, hope to see more of you next week!

AMATEUR, SHAMATEUR—continued

although professionalism seems inevitable later, it will be a tragedy if it comes before the Melbourne Games.

If the association were declared professional, a completely new amateur body would have to be set up in Victoria if we are to take part. This would affect many of our younger stars who, if they remain free from professionalism, will be certain of a place in the Olympic team—an honor which comes seldom in a lifetime.

It is up to the clubs, the players, and the association to see our amateur status is not taken away.

The association must take decisive action and not drift with the tide, confident that sooner or later they will catch some one or some club. They must act now.

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V.A.S.F.A. SECRETARY'S NOTES

ALTERATIONS TO FIXTURES (RESERVES)

F.N.D.—All Reserve matches (excepting White Eagles and Sandringham City) will be played on the same ground as the first team match on the same day.

Geelong.—Preston, Sunshine City, Sunshine United and Polonia Reserve teams will play their fixtures with Geelong on the same ground as the first team match on the same day.

Yallourn.—Moreland, Hakoah, and Box Hill Reserves teams will play their fixtures with Yallourn on the same ground as the first team match on the same day.

DOCKERTY CUP

The council for the V.A.S.F.A. has resolved that the Dockerty Cup shall be played in season 1953 as follows:—

June 6.—First round.
June 27.—Second round.
July 18.—Third round.
August 8.—Fourth round.

Entries for the Dockerty Cup, together with entry fee of 20/- (twenty shillings), must be in the hands of the secretary of the association not later than Wednesday, April 15, 1953. Cheque must be made payable to the V.A.S.F.A. No entries will be accepted after April 15, 1953.

Clubs outside the Melbourne League will be required to play Round 1 and Round 2 in Melbourne, irrespective of the draw. If the clubs concerned reach the Third round, if then drawn at home, they will play at home.

Each country club will have the right to nominate the ground in Melbourne they wish to play on, subject to council approval, and shall receive all the gate takings.

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S. BEATON, Secretary.

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Club Notes

Owing to space difficulties, clubs are requested to keep Notes from their Clubs to 150 words weekly.—Editor.

GEELONG

This club was formerly known as the I.H.C.S., but this year was asked to change its name, so it took the name of Geelong Soccer Club. This year more interest is being shown in soccer and we are looking forward to a successful year. We have again the use of the Cresco Co. Sports Oval, and improvements have been carried out. A small dressing shed has been erected and on Good Friday a working bee of members of the soccer club and the Cresco Co. cricket team gave the dressing shed its first coat of primer, raked the whole area and erected men's conveniences. Women's will be erected in the near future. We are gathering a blend of New Australians with the old brigade and our eyes are on the road to Division I. Our committee is much stronger and we are looking for more members. 3GL Broadcasting Station has kindly donated time on the air—5 minutes on Thursday nights (10.25-10.30) and on Friday evenings, 3 minutes between 6.15-6.30. We are endeavoring to place more material in the Geelong "Advertiser." Clubs are sure of a welcome when they reach our ground.

HAKOAH

On Saturday, in the match of the day, Hakoah lost to Brighton after a fast and keenly-fought tussle. Although midfield play was dominated to a much greater degree by the Blue and Whites, their finishing efforts in front of goal were lamentably weak and inaccurate. Brighton, taking full advantage of their fewer opportunities and helped to some extent by a greater share of luck, ran out deserved winners at 4-2.

On Monday, at home at St. Kevin's Oval to Moreland, Hakoah fielded a slightly different team, there being 17 players on the senior list. Lester substituted for Peters at right-back, Keyzer replaced Kurzweil at inside-left and Maerischel occupied Gottesmann's position at inside-right.

The backlines of both teams were well on top of the forwards, while Vesovic and Bassi held the balance in the centre for the home side. With the score 1-0 at half-time, Hakoah resumed with greater vigor, the wind now behind them. A further two goals practically settled the issue, but two limping players, Maerischel and Lester, caused a reshuffle of the Blue and White's teamlines. With the goalie well out of his ground, Moreland finally managed to score with only little time left to play, the game ending 3-1.

MOORABBIN CITY

What a disastrous week-end for the Moorabbin first team. The defence was found wanting very badly, and let 8 goals through in two matches. We have the footballers who sadly need training. What about it, you players? You have the best training facilities in the association and you do not train. It simply means if you do not train, make way for some of the boys out of the Reserve team who do.

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We extend to Williamstown and Northcote our congratulations on their fine wins, and they certainly showed us how to score the goals.

Bert Gamble and Vin Carter, who are away on holidays, were sadly missed and with them available today we expect to break the ice.

Roy Donovan, who played striking soccer for us last season, is expected to strip again and should bolster up the defence.

The Reserve team have jumped away to a good start and we expect a good season from Tony Plenty and his boys.

The winner of our special effort last week was our popular treasurer, Jack Scrafton. Well done, Jack.

UPPER YARRA DAM

Once again we wish to extend to all clubs an invitation to visit Upper Yarra Dam. Unfortunately, the Soccer Council deemed us too far away to permit us to compete in the Fourth Division, so we are now dependent on all clubs to help us put soccer on the map in our district. We know you won't let us down.

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Rumor has it that a few clubs are intending to visit us this year, so get in early and fix your date and give your club a good day out. My address is 18 Banksia Street, Upper Yarra Dam.

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First Division Reserves

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	2	2	0	0	13	1	4
Prahran	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
J.U.S.T.	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
Moreland	2	1	0	1	6	1	2
Brighton	2	1	0	1	6	3	2
Yallourn	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Box Hill	2	1	0	0	4	4	2
Footscray City	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Hakoah	2	0	0	2	0	10	0
Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	1	17	0

Second Division Reserves

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
South Yarra	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Geelong	2	2	0	0	13	5	4
South Melbourne	2	1	1	0	5	0	3
Preston	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Sunshine United	2	1	0	1	2	8	2
Sunshine City	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Sandringham City	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
White Eagles	2	0	0	2	2	14	0
F.N.D.	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Third Division Reserves

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Shell "A"	2	2	0	0	21	0	4
Dandenong Rovers	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Northcote	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Williamstown	2	1	0	1	9	4	2
Ukrainia	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Moorabbin City	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Fairfield	2	1	0	1	3	18	2
Astor	2	0	0	2	5	14	0
Maccabi	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Coburg	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Fourth Division Reserves

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Box Hill	2	2	0	0	12	2	4
Shell "B"	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Polonia	2	1	1	0	7	4	3
Brighton	2	1	0	1	6	1	2
Ringwood	2	1	0	1	5	10	2
Heidelberg	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
Hellenic	2	0	1	0	3	6	1
South Yarra	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Northcote H.S.O.B	2	0	0	2	3	11	0
Slavia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Result South Yarra v. Slavia 4/4/53 not notified.

S. BEATON, Secretary.

Border District Association

Draw for 1953 League Competition

APRIL 12—
Wodonga v Central Workshops.
Albury United v. Albury City.
Mt. Beauty v. Tallangatta.
Bandiana bye.

APRIL 19—
Central Workshops v. Albury United.
Albury City v Wodonga.
Tallangatta v. Bandiana.
Mt. Beauty bye.

APRIL 26—
Albury United v. Tallangatta.
Bandiana v. Albury City.
Mt. Beauty v. Central Workshops.
Wodonga bye.

MAY 3—
Central Workshops v. Bandiana.
Albury City v. Mt. Beauty.
Tallangatta v. Wodonga.
Albury United bye.

MAY 10—
Bandiana v. Mt. Beauty.
Central Workshops v. Albury City.
Albury United v. Wodonga.
Tallangatta bye.

MAY 17—
Mt. Beauty v. Albury United.
Wodonga v. Bandiana.
Albury City v. Tallangatta.
Central Workshops bye.

MAY 24—
Mt. Beauty v. Wodonga.
Central Workshops v. Tallangatta.
Albury United v. Bandiana.
Albury City bye.

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First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A	Pts.
Juventus	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
J.U.S.T.	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
Footscray City	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Brighton	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Hakoah	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Prahran	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Yallourn	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Moreland	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Box Hill	2	0	0	2	2	9	0
Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	2	2	0	0	11	0	4
South Yarra	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Preston	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Geelong	2	1	1	0	6	4	3
South Melbourne	2	1	0	1	7	5	2
Sunshine United	2	1	0	1	3	6	2
White Eagles	2	0	1	1	4	8	1
F.N.D.	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Sandringham City	2	0	0	2	2	11	0
Sunshine City	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Fairfield	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Williamstown	2	2	0	0	10	3	4
Northcote	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Maccabi	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Dandenong Rovers	2	1	1	0	0	1	2
George Cross a	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Frankston	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Moorabbin City	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Coburg	2	0	0	2	2	9	0
University	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Ringwood	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
Hellenic	2	1	1	0	21	1	3
Maribyrnong	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Slavia	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
I.C.I.	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Victoria Police	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Heidelberg	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Union Jack	1	0	0	1	0	20	0

Result Union Jack v. Victoria Police 6/4/53 not notified.

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1st DIVISION—NORTH
(Nord-Oberliga)

Teams	P	W	D	L	F-A	P
Holstein Kiel	19	11	5	3	44-21	27
Werder Bremen	19	11	3	5	49-39	25
Hamburger SV	17	9	5	3	40-38	23
Altona 93	18	9	4	5	52-42	22
Vil Osnabruck	17	9	2	6	39-29	20
Gottingen 05	18	8	3	7	48-37	19
Eimsbuttel	17	8	2	7	37-32	18
Hannover 96	18	6	6	6	32-30	18
FC St. Pauli	18	7	2	9	39-33	16
VfB Lubeck	16	6	3	7	28-40	15
Armin. Hannover	18	5	5	8	30-42	15
Bremerhaven 93	17	4	6	7	30-40	14
Harburger TB	16	6	1	9	25-36	13
Bremer SV	17	6	1	10	35-46	13
Eintracht Osna.	17	3	5	9	33-44	11
Concordia Ham.	18	4	3	11	33-43	11

1st DIVISION—WEST
(West-Oberliga)

Teams	P	W	D	L	F-A	P
1. FC Koln	18	14	2	2	51-23	30
Borussia Dort.	18	12	3	3	47-22	27
RW Essen	18	10	3	5	49-22	23
Schalke	18	10	3	5	44-29	23
Meidericher SV	18	10	2	6	40-35	22
Alemannia Aach.	18	8	5	5	38-31	21
Preuven Munster	18	6	6	6	47-43	18
Leverkusen 04	18	5	7	6	32-39	17
Preuven Del.	18	6	4	8	26-26	16
Fort. Dusseldorf	18	7	2	9	40-41	16
Horst Emscher	18	6	3	9	32-47	15
SW Essen	18	5	4	9	30-42	14
Bor. M.-Gladbach	18	4	5	9	20-48	13
SV Sodingen	18	2	8	8	24-32	12
Sp Vgg. Erkens	17	3	4	10	24-41	10
Spfr. Katernberg	17	3	3	11	31-54	9

1st DIVISION—SOUTH-WEST
(Sued-West Oberliga)

Teams	P	W	D	L	F-A	P
1 FC Kaiserslau	18	15	2	1	85-17	32
Tus Neuendorf	18	14	2	2	58-13	30
1. FC Saarbruck	18	14	1	3	46-14	29
Wormatia Worms	18	10	3	5	52-33	23
VfB Kaiserlau	18	10	1	7	44-36	21
Tura Ludwigs	18	7	5	6	36-33	19
FV Speyer	18	7	4	7	21-21	18
Bor. Neunkirchen	18	6	5	7	24-26	17
Mainz 05	18	6	4	8	34-37	16
Saar 05	18	7	2	9	28-38	16
FK Pirmasens	18	6	3	9	49-43	15
VfR Kirn	18	6	3	9	21-49	15
Phon. Ludwigs	18	6	2	10	30-47	14
Eintracht Trier	18	5	2	11	23-46	12
FV Engers	18	4	2	12	29-51	10
Hassia Bingen	18	0	1	17	18-93	1

1st DIVISION—SOUTH
(Sued-Oberliga)

Teams	P	W	D	L	F-A	P
Eintracht Frank.	18	10	5	3	39-28	25
KSC Muhib.-Pho.	18	11	2	5	44-29	24
FC Schweinfurt	18	9	5	4	26-27	23
VfB Stuttgart	18	8	5	5	37-22	21
SpVgg. Furth	18	8	5	5	40-32	21
Kickers Offen.	18	6	6	6	42-29	18
Kickers Stutt.	18	8	2	8	50-45	18
SV Waldhof	18	8	2	8	40-37	18
Vlkt. Aschaffens	18	6	5	7	39-46	17
FSV Frankfurt	18	6	5	7	25-30	17
Bayern Munchen	18	6	4	8	28-33	16
1. FC Nurnberg	18	5	5	8	36-36	15
VIR Mannheim	18	6	3	9	28-40	15
BC Augsburg	18	7	0	11	37-45	14
1860 Munchen	18	3	7	8	25-59	13
TSG Ulm 46	18	4	5	9	26-44	13

Italian Soccer

1st Division
(Serie A)

Teams	Pts.
INTER	40
Milan	34
Juventus	33
Bologna	30
Roma	29
Napoli	28
Atalanta	25
Lazio	24
Udinese	24
Triestina	23
Fiorentina	23
Spal	21
Palermo	21
Sampdoria	20
Pro Patria	20
Torino	19
Novara	19
Como	17

2nd Division
(Serie B)

Teams	Pts.
GENOA	33
Lagnano	32
Cagliari	31
Marzotto	30
Catania	27
Monza	27
Messina	27
Brescia	26
Treviso	26
Vicenza	25
Fanfulla	23
Piombino	23
Salernitana	22
Padova	21
Modena	20
Verona	19
Siracusa	18
Lucchese	17

Results of the last series of matches of Italian First and Second Divisions were:

Bolog. Nov	1-0	Bresc. Pad.	0-0
Como Sam.	1-0	Cagl. Legn.	2-2
Fior. Tries.	2-0	Fanf. Trev.	1-2
Inter Spal	1-1	Genoa Cat.	1-0
Laz. Atal.	0-2	Lucch. Sal.	0-0
Pal. Nap.	0-0	Mess. Sirac.	2-1
P.P. Milan	0-1	Monza Mod.	3-0
Tor. Juv.	0-1	Piomb. Marz	0-0
Udin. Rom	3-1	Vic. Ver.	1-1

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